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Laws Affecting Franchise Tax Board:

Government Code Section 6166, Revenue and
Taxation Code Sections 19005 and 19104

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SUBJECT: Credit Card Payments/Abatement Of Interest/Allow FTB To Abate Interest For Same Period As IRS

Senate Bill 603 (Speier), as enacted on July 28, 1999, made the following changes to California law:

Section 6166 is added to the Government Code.

This section requires any state agency accepting payment by credit card to provide, on its billing statement, or on a document with the statement, to an individual permitted to pay by credit card, either 1) a designated space on the payment form for the individual's credit card number, expiration date and signature, or 2) complete procedural instructions for the individual to pay by credit card via telephone or other means.

Section 19005 of the Revenue and Taxation Code is amended.

This act deleted all references to the Franchise Tax Board's (FTB) prior credit card pilot program, clarifying that the Government Code provisions are controlling with respect to the new FTB credit card program.

Section 19104 of the Revenue and Taxation Code is amended.

This act allows the FTB to abate interest for the same period interest is abated by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) where the FTB deficiency is based upon a final federal determination, thereby giving relief to taxpayers for whom the IRS has already abated interest due to a delay or error by the IRS.

This act applies to credit card payments made on or after January 1, 2000.

With respect to the abatement of interest on a deficiency, this act applies to any ministerial act for which the interest accrued after September 25, 1987, or for any managerial act applicable to taxable or income years beginning on or after January 1, 1998.

This act will not require any reports by the department to the Legislature.

Bureau Director

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Date

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